

# RUSSIA'S NEXT ACT MAY FORCE WARFARE ALL OVER EUROPE

Europe is Apprehensive Lest Czar's Government Intervene Between Austria-Hungary and Serbia, in Which Case Whole Continent of Europe Would be Plunged in Blood.

## BRITISH FLEET SAILS ON PRIVATE ORDERS

Austrian Government Takes Over Railroads and There is no Transportation for the General Public. Troops Move on Servian Frontier.

London, July 29.—The European nations, to-day, although hoping that the war would be localized, were preparing for the greater war that must ensue should Russia intervene. The anxiety was increased by the issue of orders to the British fleet at Portland to sail for a destination not revealed to the public.

Meantime despatches showed the Austrian forces proceeding steadily toward the Servian frontier, but a strict censorship prevented the exact destination of the troops reaching the outside world.

All Austrian and Hungarian railways were taken over yesterday for military traffic, and transportation for the general public was suspended.

Servia is just as active moving troops. The Montenegrins also are making preparations. Women are busy building earthworks.

Servian and Austrian aviators are flying along the frontiers trying to locate the position of the opposing forces. Servia has registered a formal complaint regarding the Austrian attacks on the Servian merchant vessels on the Danube.

A partial mobilization of Russian troops in the southern and southwestern districts has been ordered by the Russian war office.

Vienna, July 29.—Germany and Italy to-day continued their efforts to localize the war which was declared yesterday by their ally, Austria-Hungary, against Servia, and the efforts of all European diplomats were directed toward the same object.

Nothing is known here regarding the reported intention of Russia to make a declaration of neutrality in case Austria should renounce the idea of territorial expansion at the expense of the Balkan states.

Dispatches from Warsaw report that several powder magazines exploded in that city Monday and that several bomb explosions occurred in the principal post-office, many being killed and wounded.

Another telegram says the entire city of Warsaw was blown up, and semi-official explanations declared that the explosions were caused by lightning. The dispatch denied that revolution had broken out among the Russian Poles.

## RUSSIAN DISTRICT IN GREAT FERMENT

Modified Form of Martial Law Proclaimed in Yalta and Surrounding Districts—Great Patriotic Demonstrations in St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, July 29.—Great patriotic demonstrations occurred among the populace here to-day. It was announced that in Yalta and the surrounding districts a state of reinforced protection, or modified form of martial law has been proclaimed by the government.

## RUSSIANS GET EXCITED.

Parade Streets and Cheer Wildly but Are Dispersed by Police.

St. Petersburg, July 29.—The fact that Austria has declared war became known only late last evening. Thousands of people then gathered and cheering wildly, marched through the main streets to the British and French embassies, where there were scenes of enthusiasm.

Mounted police eventually scattered the crowds without great disorder. The Russian government last night issued the following official communication:

"Numerous patriotic demonstrations of the last few days in St. Petersburg and other cities prove that the firm pacific policy of Russia finds a sympathetic echo among all classes of the population.

"The government hopes, nevertheless, that the expression of feeling of the people will not be tinged with enmity against the powers with whom Russia is at peace and with whom she wishes to remain at peace.

"While the government gathers strength from this wave of popular feeling and expects its subjects to retain their reticence and tranquility it rests

confidently on the guardianship of the dignity and the interests of Russia.

## SERB RESERVISTS HELD AS PRISONERS

All Eligible to Military Service and Residing in Austria Are Being Arrested by Latter Government.

Vienna, July 29.—All Servians liable to military duty and residing in Austria-Hungary are being arrested and handed over to the military as prisoners of war.

## MESSAGES CROSS CONCERNIG WAR

Between Emperor William and Czar Nicholas—Greatest Activity Prevails Through Germany.

Berlin, July 29.—Emperor William has sent to Emperor Nicholas of Russia a telegram concerning the international crisis. The message crossed on its way to St. Petersburg a similar telegram from the czar to Emperor William.

The military activity on the Russian side of the frontier is confirmed by many evidences which reached the ears of German officials but it was stated to-day that no mobilization order had been issued by the Russian war office.

Russian regiments, however, have been moving forward to occupy strategic points and several with 350 rounds of ammunition. Hasty purchases of forage have been made for the cavalry.

A number of German regiments have been moved toward the frontier as a precautionary measure. The men carry field equipment.

There is intense activity in diplomatic circles. The German crown prince arrived at Potsdam to-day and the family held a council.

## APPEAL TO PATRIOTISM.

Assured by Aged Austrian Emperor to His Subjects.

Vienna, July 29.—A manifesto issued by the emperor, after stating that it had been his fervent wish to dedicate his declining years to preserving the empire from the burdens and sacrifices of war, says:

"Providence has decreed otherwise. The intrigues of a malevolent opponent compel me in the defense of the honor of my monarchy and for the protection of its dignity and the security of its possessions, to grasp the sword after long years of peace."

The manifesto refers to the ingratitude of Servia for the support of the emperor's ancestors afforded to Servian independence; how Servia for years had pursued a path of open hostility to Austria; how Servia had been the cause of the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina which injured no Servian rights, called forth in Servia outbreaks of the bitterest hatred.

"My government," continues the emperor, "then employed the handsome privileges of the stronger and with ex-

treme consideration and leniency only requested Servia to reduce her army to a peace footing and promise to tread the paths of peace and friendship."

"A series of murderous attacks in an organized and well carried out conspiracy, whose fruitful success wounded me and my loyal people to the heart, forms the visible and bloody track of those secret machinations which were operated direct in Servia."

"In this solemn hour I am fully conscious of the whole significance of the resolve and my responsibility before the Almighty. I have examined and weighed everything and with serene conscience I set out on the path that duty points. I trust in my peoples, who throughout every storm have always rallied in united loyalty around my throne and have always been prepared for the severest sacrifices for the honor, greatness and might of the fatherland.

"I trust in Austria-Hungary's brave and devoted forces and in the Almighty to give victory to my arms."

## THOUSANDS READY TO ENLIST.

Austro-Hungarians and Servians in United States Get War Fever.

New York, July 29.—Thousands of Servians and Austro-Hungarians residing in the United States have placed themselves at the disposal of their respective countries, according to announcements made to-day by the consuls here.

## PLENTY OF GOLD IN UNITED STATES

Declares McAdoo to Meet Demands of European Countries in the Present Crisis—Big Call Alarms New York.

Washington, D. C., July 29.—With a billion and nearly three hundred million dollars in gold coin and bullion stored in the treasury vaults and about \$600,000,000 more of coin in circulation, treasury officials said last night the United States had no cause for alarm over the tremendous shipments of gold from New York to war-torn Europe.

Secretary McAdoo explained that the country was never in a better position to send some of its millions abroad, and declared there was nothing to fear from the drain to meet European demands. It was pointed out, also, that while Europe just now was drawing upon America's gold supply, it would only be a short time before the money would be coming back to pay for the vast quantities of food and supplies this country would be called upon to ship across the water.

New York, July 29.—Further enormous drafts on this country's gold reserves, having their origin in the disturbed conditions abroad, added in no small degree to the alarm prevalent in the financial district yesterday. Thus far this year total withdrawals aggregated \$105,000,000 which breaks all known records.

Engagements yesterday amounted to \$13,000,000, all but \$2,500,000 going to London, the balance to Paris. The French market has been the largest purchaser of the yellow metal here, its total demands since January aggregating approximately \$85,000,000.

Rates of exchange, for both demand and cables, have gone up with such violence in the past two days as to make gold exports to any part of the world a source of profit to the shippers. One serious obstacle presents itself, however, possibility of such gold being seized as contraband by ships of warlike nations.

Only such vessels of American registry as ply between this and foreign ports would be free from acts of seizure.

## "RURAL PROBLEMS ACUTE."

Must Be Attacked from Various Sides, Prof. Sprague Declares.

Middlebury, July 29.—The need of attacking the problems of rural betterment from various angles was emphasized by Prof. Robert J. Sprague of the Massachusetts agricultural college at the opening of the second annual rural life conference at Middlebury college last night. He urged as essentials of progress improvement in agricultural methods, the development of cooperative systems of distribution, enrichment of social life and culture and the upbuilding of churches and schools.

"The problems are acute in the richest agricultural regions as well as in the poorest," said Prof. Sprague. "The rural life as a whole, economic, social and religious, must be improved and strengthened until both profitable farming and happy living are attained by all."

John C. Scheuchle of Springfield, Mass., described the work of the Hampden County Improvement league, which has introduced scientific farming in that neighborhood and has directed the work of village improvement.

The conference which was arranged by Prof. Raymond McFarland, director of the summer session of the college, will continue until Friday evening.

## WAS IN SEDGWICK'S CORPS.

Thomas B. Foss, Native of St. Albans, Died at Worcester, Mass.

Worcester, Mass., July 29.—Thomas B. Foss, one of the best known Civil War veterans of Worcester, died yesterday at his home, 129 Paine street, after a year's illness. He was 77 years old.

Mr. Foss was born in St. Albans, Vt. During the war he was a member of Gen. Sedgwick's corps and of the sixth Maine volunteer regiment, holding the rank of sergeant in the latter. He participated in a number of important battles and in the Shenandoah valley at one time ranked his command.

He was a member of George H. Ward post, G. A. R., of Worcester. He was a resident of Worcester for 30 years and for some time was engaged in the roofing business.

## TELLS TALE OF KIDNAPPING.

Girl Escaped and Was Found on Highway Near Castleton.

Rutland, July 29.—Florence, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lansing of South Glens Falls, N. Y., was found yesterday on the highway near Castleton village by the rural mail carrier, Henry Langdon.

The child's story to the authorities was to the effect that last Friday she was helping Mrs. George Baldwin, a friend of her parents, move some household goods from Glens Falls to Hudson Falls, N. Y., and that while standing on a street corner in the latter place a man drove up and asked her to ride. She got in and was taken to Fort Edward, where they met a woman who offered to take her for a ride on the train and bring her back.

She was brought to Hydeville and then by trolley to West Rutland, being taken thence to a house on the Whipple hollow road about a mile from the village. By means of descriptions supplied by the girl and signboards that she read the authorities were able to trace the route taken. There, she claims, she was kept in a room until yesterday morning when she managed to escape and walk to Castleton.

Mr. Langdon immediately after finding the girl notified John I. Fennell and he got in touch with the Glens Falls chief of police who in turn reached the girl's parents. They said that they supposed she was in Hudson Falls and had not therefore worried about her. The girl will be returned to her parents to-day.

She does not allege having undergone ill treatment, and there is no knowledge of the motive in the case. No arrests have been made. The state's attorney has been notified, but it is considered unlikely that if any action is taken it will be by the New York state officials.

## HARD LINES FOR UMPIRE.

Bellows Falls Fanatics Wreak Vengeance on McGamwell.

Bellows Falls, July 29.—Umpire McGamwell was the center of an attack by a crowd of angry Bellows Falls fans following yesterday's Twin-State league game against Keene, which was won by the latter by the score of 5 to 4.

McGamwell had been doing poor work all the afternoon and when in the ninth he called a third strike on Manager Burns, who should have been given a base on balls, the fans started for the umpire. He sought safety with the Keene team and they protected him, assisted by two officers, until he reached the Keene auto truck.

When the machine left the field it was pelted with fruit apples and the fans received a bad cut on the cheek during the roughhouse and a boy was trampled upon but was not badly injured.

## ANCIENT BUILDING BURNED.

Pittsford Church Had Been Remodeled Into Residence.

Pittsford, July 29.—The structure formerly known as the old Baptist church, which some years ago was remodeled for use as a public hall, was totally destroyed by fire last evening.

About five years ago the building which was erected in 1806, was purchased by Merritt W. Clifford of New Haven, a former resident of Pittsford, and about \$2,000 was expended in remodeling the structure.

A quantity of household goods belonging to E. A. Stevenson of Florence was burned. It is not known whether Mr. Clifford carried any insurance but it is understood that the household goods were insured.

The fire was discovered about 10:30 o'clock by a party of young women returning home from a lawn party. The blaze was on the inside of the building. Two hose companies responded to the alarm and two streams of water were kept upon the flames until about 12:30 to prevent the fire from damaging a dwelling house nearby.

## ARM BENT, NOT BROKEN.

Waterbury Youth Sustained Peculiar Injury in Jumping.

Waterbury, July 29.—Eugene Harvey, aged 8 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Harvey, who reside on the Moody farm, jumped from a haystack which started to tip and bent his right arm in such a manner as to indicate a fracture. Dr. G. S. Bidwell was called. He found no fracture but he thought he would have to break the arm in order to get the arm back into place. After considerable effort, however, he got the arm back without resorting to breaking.

The accident happened last evening, and to-day the boy was doing well and is likely to recover in a short time.

## CONVENTION AT ST. JOHNSBURY.

State Prohibitionists Are Nominating State Ticket.

St. Johnsbury, July 29.—The state convention of the Prohibition party is in session here, opening last evening. After the formal opening of the convention, several state leaders of the party addressed the meeting.

Among them were Rev. William Shaw of Montpelier, Clement F. Smith of Morrisville, candidate for governor two years ago, Dr. L. W. Hanson and E. Howard of Montpelier, Fred L. Page of Barre, and Rev. E. E. Phillips of St. Johnsbury.

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WED.

Miss Keriah Ayers and George Byron Morse Married at Montpelier.

Waterbury, July 29.—Miss Keriah Ayers, the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cassius Ayers, and George Byron Morse, the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Morse, were married recently by Rev. William Shaw at Montpelier. Both attend the high school here last year.

## CHARGED WITH BURGLARY.

Two Men Were Bound Over to Windsor County Court.

St. Albans, July 29.—Deputy Sheriff H. B. Walton, special policeman for the Central Vermont railway, has returned from Sharon, where he arrested John Fleming and W. M. James, charged with burglary of the Sharon station. The men were taken to Woodstock and bound over for appearance at the December term of Windsor county court.

## AUTO OCCUPANT DIES OF HURTS

John Howrigan, Injured at Underhill Saturday, Died Last Night

## WAS NOT SUPPOSED CRITICALLY INJURED

Machine Turned Completely Over When Driver Lost Control

Burlington, July 29.—John Howrigan of Essex Center, who was injured Saturday night when an automobile tipped over with him in Underhill, died last night. William Hunt of Jeffersonville, who was driving the car, also was seriously injured, sustaining a dislocation of one shoulder and receiving internal injuries. For a day after the accident he was unconscious at the home of Mrs. Dickerson, where he was carried soon after the accident. Mr. Howrigan was not supposed to be so badly hurt, although it was known that three of his ribs were fractured. He was 72 years of age.

The machine was owned by Benjamin Safford and he was in the car with a fourth man. They escaped with bruises. Mr. Hunt, an inexperienced driver, was in charge of the machine and he speeded up to climb a slight ascent near the house of Mrs. Samuel Hale, neglecting to shut down the speed. He lost control of the automobile, which ran into a ditch and turned completely over, afterwards facing about in the opposite direction.

## FIVE BAD CHECKS WERE PASSED

One of Them Bearing Signature of E. J. Booth Was Forgery—The Total Amount in the Five Was Fifty-Six Dollars.

Burlington, July 29.—Five checks, one a forgery and all worthless, for amounts aggregating \$56 have been uttered here within two weeks by a man and a woman whom the police are tracing. The checks were drawn on the Chittenden County Trust Co., and were in favor of fictitious persons. One of the five checks was signed by E. J. Booth, a leading lumber man, and was a forgery.

## DIED WHILE ABOUT WORK.

Mrs. Alexander Bissett of Westerville Was 64 Years of Age.

Mrs. Alexander Bissett died suddenly this morning of heart failure at her home in Westerville, while about her work. Mrs. Bissett, who was 64 years of age, was born in Woodside, Aberdeen, Scotland, and was married in Aberdeen to Alex. Bissett 46 years ago. Thirty-one years ago Mr. and Mrs. Bissett came to America, locating first in South Carolina, then in Westerville, N. H., and finally coming to Westerville where they had lived the past twelve years.

Besides her husband, the deceased is survived by five children: Mrs. Walter Bordick of Westerville; R. L. Mrs. William I. Gilbert of Dowagiac, Mich.; Mrs. Belle Percy, Bridgeport, Conn.; Alex. Bissett, Jr., Westerville; R. L. Forbes Bissett of Westerville; also one brother, William Barker of Woodside, Aberdeen, Scotland. Mrs. Bissett was well liked and was much missed in Westerville. A funeral service will be held at the house at 8 o'clock to-morrow night. Rev. Fred McNeil, the Presbyterian pastor of Grantville, officiating and the body will be taken to Westerville, N. H., on the 11:15 train that night, where interment will take place.

## PLAINFIELD HOTEL OPENED

Fine Structure Replaces Building Destroyed by Fire.

Plainfield, July 29.—The new Bancroft inn, which has been built on the site of the old Plainfield house, which was burned to the ground New Year's day, was opened to the public Monday night.

The new three-story building is in every way a modern and up-to-date hotel, with twenty fine guest rooms, six of which have private baths. Private telephones are to be installed in each guest room. The first floor is very similar to that of the old hotel in arrangement of rooms. The second floor has guest rooms, the third floor a dance hall, waiting rooms and guest rooms. The building is fitted with electric lights and steam heat.

F. J. Bancroft of Pawtucket, R. I., who has built the hotel, was born in this town 70 years ago. He has been a resident of Pawtucket over 40 years, where he has built up a very successful tennis racket business. The residents of Plainfield have reason to be very proud of their new hotel and also to be very grateful to Mr. Bancroft for his interest in his old home town.

## CANNON SURE ENOUGH CANDIDATE

Ex-Speaker of House Announces Desire to Return to Congress.

Danville, Ill., July 29.—Joseph G. Cannon, former speaker of the national House, to-day made a formal announcement of his candidacy for representative from the 18th congressional district. He says if another Republican is chosen he will make a vigorous campaign for his election.

## Southern Tour Contemplated.

Chicago, July 29.—A tour of South America this winter by the Chicago White Sox is contemplated by Charles A. Comiskey. He said he probably will arrange to be accompanied by the Giants.

## SHRINERS CAPTURED NORTHFIELD TO-DAY

Members of Mt. Sinai Temple Held Annual Clambake and Outing at the Fair Grounds.

Northfield, July 29.—This town was invaded to-day by a band of strange people and after a short, sharp engagement the town capitulated. The victors were the Shriners, or in other words and initials the members of Mt. Sinai temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., numbered three. It was the annual outing of the Shrine and took the form of a clambake.

Prior to the bake the visitors paraded the town in honor of the town's complete surrender, but first the paraders had to bow before the fickle goddess of the weather for a smart shower held up the procession for half hour or more. At 10:30 the fickle goddess offered a temporary respite and the Shriners started.

In the forefront was State Tax Commissioner Charles A. Plumley, in the position of marshal, aided and abetted by J. T. Lance and Capt. R. C. Kimball, who were called aides. Next in order was the Mt. Sinai band of 25 pieces under the tuneful direction of H. C. Cady. In carriages traveled the official divan, right next to the music. Behind them came the common soldiers, they in turn being backed up by the degree team and the meek and lowly novices. As a mark of their lowly estate these latter were transported in a plebeian dumpcart drawn by beasts of the field called oxen. At the rear rolled a long string of automobiles—35 in number—carrying the invalided and the feminine portion of the invading host, for the pleasures of the day were shared with the better three-fourths.

Forming on North Main street, the parade passed through the common, up Central street, along South street, to Main and finally back to the starting point, being watched the while by an admiring throng of townspeople. Breaking ranks, most of the party boarded a special train of three cars and were borne to the Dog River valley fairgrounds south of the village, while those who desired went down by Rockefeller position.

The village regretted to see them go, but anticipated the return later in the day. At the fairgrounds, a huge tent had been set up so that the rain and threats of still more rain had no terrors for the hungry throng. The bake was scheduled to start around 1:30 o'clock and it was not over-long after that hour and minute that the party sat down to one of the best dinners which the Shriners had been privileged to enjoy, with clams as the chief feature of the menu. After the last claim had been stowed away they planned to have vaudeville entertainment, sports of various kinds and music from the band and Romeo's orchestra. In short, there promised to be "something doing all the time," as the prospectus had announced.

Dr. E. B. Whitaker of Barre, illustrious potentate, and Charles H. Heaton of Montpelier, recorder, with the following had charge: Chairman H. C. Cady, Secretary W. A. Shaw, Treasurer F. N. Carpenter, Marshal C. A. Plumley; clambake committee, George H. Almon, Sam J. Matson, W. K. Wheatley, H. M. Johnson; commissary, George A. Cross, L. C. Smith and L. T. Cross; decorations, C. P. Hatch, F. N. Carpenter and N. R. Davis; hotels, Alex. Eddy, G. C. Sanborn and F. C. Greene; entertainment, J. T. Lance, W. A. Shaw, J. M. Bullock, Alex. Eddy and E. E. Campbell; transportation and parade, John A. Cross, C. A. Plumley and J. C. Ellis.

## FUNERAL OF F. L. PLACE.

Held at Burlington and Was Largely Attended—Burial in That City.

Burlington, July 29.—The funeral of Frank L. Place was held yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at his late home at 149 North avenue. Rev. C. J. Staples officiated and Vicinia lodge, No. 10, Knights of Pythias, of Barre, was in charge. The bearers were all members of the lodge and friends of the deceased, E. M. Tobin, H. H. Hodgdon, James Gall, Arthur Campbell, Herman Campbell and G. Herbert Pape. There was a profusion of beautiful floral offerings, testifying to the high regard in which Mr. Place was held.

There were many present from out of town among them being the following: Mr. and Mrs. William Avery of Barre, the parents of Mrs. Place; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hodgdon, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tobin, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Morse, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McHugh, Mrs. Margaret Smith, Charles Page, George Gorman, Peter Thome, N. J. Roberts, Charles Stevens, Miss Kathleen Brown and Ralph and Walter Tobin, all of Barre; Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Avery, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Eaton, Mrs. William Squire and E. E. Campbell of Waterbury; Mrs. John Nicholson of Whipplefield, N. H.; Mrs. Caroline Harrison of Barre; Mrs. Belle Kelham of Middlebury, N. H.; Mrs. Elbridge Russell of Melrose Falls, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Larry, Miss Larry and W. J. Guy of St. Albans; William Smith of St. Albans; P. Q. M. D. Dinick of Richmond; M. W. Wells of Huntington; H. L. Stearns of Waterbury; A. W. Hammond of Milton; K. L. Ellsworth of Jeffersonville; and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Scribner of Underhill. The burial was in Lake View cemetery.

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Reporting on a petition for a street

## INSISTENT FOR NEW ROAD

Essex Residents Even About a Court's Commission

## TO DETERMINE THE NECESSITY

Aldermen Seem Disposed to Avert Such a Procedure

Essex street sent a delegation to the council chamber on its perennial mission in the interests of roads. Not good roads, necessarily, for residents of that connecting link between Prospect and Salem streets, after trailing through the mud and mire of 18 springs, are not importunate enough to plead for studded boulevard—they ask only for roads. There was a good deal of high-flown conversation when the deputation got under way, talk of a court's committee that will take the matter out of the city's hands and make a highway imperative.

Men like William Wylie, Peter Wallstrom and Jed O. Beckley are determined on having a highway and the aldermen, at their regular meeting, seemed disposed at last to assist the property owners there in getting their rights. The matter now rests with the aldermen and the residents themselves. If a quit claim deed can be secured for the land in that locality, the city fathers promise to go ahead with highway improvements there. A petition for a highway will be brought before the council and if the councilors do not see fit to build a highway, then the gentlemen from Essex will petition county court for a court's committee to determine on the necessity for a highway.

The plan to go beyond the council if need be was outlined by Mr. Wylie. The last report of the street committee on a request for improvements on the street was read, but it offered small consolation to the petitioners and Mr. Wylie, spokesman for the time-being, allowed that another course would be pursued unless the council promises to do its part. Having in mind, no doubt, the ultimatum of a famous Vermont general before the walls of Ticonderoga, Peter Wallstrom intimated that the gods of the hills are not the gods of the valley. Mr. Wallstrom averred he had paid taxes in 18 years to be spent in improving Main street, where, as he said, the rich men toy with their automobiles. In the interests of equity he asked for relief on Essex street. Mr. Beckley acquiesced in everything that his colleagues had to offer.

It is understood that an effort to obtain the quit claim deed will be made at once and that matters will come to a head within a few days. In its campaign for an accepted street, the delegation has the ardent support of Alderman Bancroft, who told them he admired their persistence, and Alderman Keefe, who asserts that the residents of Essex street should in all fairness have a road.

Supt. H. E. Reynolds of the water department and City Engineer G. A. Reed are the promoters of a project to lift the water main from its present resting place in the Smith, Whitcomb & Cook Co.'s mill pond and string it along the Blackwell street bridge. Very frequently in late years, the main has caused the department no end of trouble because of leaks, which were hard to repair under water. Recently a leak was discovered and while the department is waiting to make repairs, pressure on the main has been reduced, much to the inconvenience of manufacturers on the west side of the river. Now the superintendent and the engineer propose to carry the main along the bridge, in a manner similar to the method on Prospect street. According to their estimates, the cost of brackets on the bridge and the expense attached to changing the main will cost upwards of \$150.

The project also contemplates the erection of a sidewalk on the south side of the bridge. Already there is a walk on the north side, but during the rush hours the bridge is crowded and a second walk, in the opinion of the department and the engineer, would relieve the congestion. To build the sidewalk and a railing, under which it is proposed to string the water pipe, would mean an additional expenditure of \$250. Apparently the aldermen were not inclined to commit themselves to such an expenditure without a more detailed investigation and the matter was referred to the committee of the whole with power to act.

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